## **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

## Please amend the abstract as follows:

A chlorinated azetidinone derivative expressed by Formula (1) and an alcoholate are allowed to react in a solvent containing at least one of alcohols and an ether at a pH of 8 or less. Thus a 3-chloromethyl-3-cephem derivative expressed by formula Formula (2) is prepared.

$$R_2CONH$$
 $SSO_2 - R_1$ 
 $Cl$ 
 $COOR_3$ 

$$R_2CONH$$
  $Cl$   $COOR_3$   $Cl$ 

In the formulas, R<sub>1</sub> represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic residue, and R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> each represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group.